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**** DX INFORMATION ****
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5H - Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active again as 5H3MB from Tanzania from 16 October to 20 November, while doing volunteer work at a local school. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, and eQSL, or via IK2GZU (direct or bureau).

5R - Eric, F6ICX will be active again as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090), Madagascar from October until late December or early January. He will operate CW with some FT8 (F/H) and SSB on 40-10 metres; during the last two weeks of December and maybe the first week of January he will also be QRV via QO-100. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via home call (direct or bureau).

9A - 9A10SOTA is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see https://9aff.wordpress.com/ for information. QSL via LoTW.

A5 - Gerben, PG5M now expects to be QRV as A52G from Bhutan on 1-8 October (local dates). The DXpedition was originally scheduled for 3-9 October [425DXN 1791]. He will operate CW and some FT8 (MSHV) on 40-10 metres, and maybe "some 6m". See https://dx.to/a52g/ for more information. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS; full LoTW upload after 6 months.

C2 - Phill, C21TS now expects to remain on Nauru (OC-031) until 30 November. After a 2-month leave, "I'll probably be back for a few months from February 2026 with minimal gear", he says. He will be QRT for good no later than June 2026. QSL via LoTW, or via M0OXO's OQRS.

CE0X - Felipe, XQ7IR has announced that progress is being made on his San Ambrosio project [425DXN 1777] after participating "in two important meetings with the authorities responsible for granting permits and authorisations for this expedition". The new dates are between 12 January and 15 February 2026, "which represents at least 25 days of operation on the island." Plans are still for two stations - one operated locally (mainly SSB) and one operated remotely (CW and FT8) - to be active on 160-6 metres. QSL via M0URX's OQRS.
This DXCC Entity (San Felix & San Ambrosio) is the #3 Most Wanted, and has been silent since the XR0X DXpedition in 2002. Bookmark https://www.sanambrosio-project.com for updates.

DL - Look for team DD4U (namely DB1RUL, DJ1JB, DJ4EL, DJ5TM, DJ6MC, DK2BK, DL7ACN and DM1SV) to be active 160-10 metres SSB. CW and FT8 from Ummanz Island (EU-057) on 1-5 October. QSL via the bureau; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log.

HK - 5J4W is the callsign that Renato, PY8WW has requested for his 12-16 November IOTA DXpedition to Playa Blanca Island (SA-084) [425DXN

1789]. If he cannot get it, he will be active as HK4/PY8WW. The island is located within the Utria National Natural Park. "Securing authorization from the Park has been one of the most challenging aspects of this project", he says, "but I'm pleased to report that we're finally moving forward".

I - Luca, IK5AEQ will be active as IH9/IK5AEQ from Pantelleria Island (AF-018) from 24 September to 3 October. He will operate SSB, FT8/FT4 and RTTY on 80-6 metres; during the CQ WW DX RTTY Contest (27-28 September) he will be signing IH9/IP5A. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call (direct and bureau).

I - Members of ARI Gorizia (IQ3GO) will be active as II3GONG from 1 October to 29 December. The special callsign's suffix stands for Gorizia (Italy) and Nova Gorica (Slovenia), the first cross-border European Capital of Culture. QSL via the bureau and eQSL. A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/II3GONG for information.

I - Team II9ICP (namely IT9BZW, IT9HTV, IT9JKT, IT9JTN, IT9KQV, IT9NVA, IT9VPE and IT9ZEC) will be active from Isola di Capo Passero (EU-166) on 4 October. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8/FT4 on 40-10 metres. QSL via the bureau.

J3 - Eric, GM5RDX and Graham, 2M0IJU will be active as J38DX and J38LD, respectively, from Grenada (NA-024) on 8-15 October. They will operate mainly SSB, with some FT8, on 80-6 metres. QSL for both callsigns via M0OXO's OQRS.

JW - Look for JW7XK (QSL via LA7XK, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW), JW9DL (QSL via LA9DL, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW) and JW6VM (QSL via LA6VM) to be active from the Svalbard Amatorradioklubb in Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 8-13 October. They will participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest (SSB) as JW5X (QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via LA5X). Outside the contest, JW9DL will be mostly active on FT8 and FT4, JW6VM on CW, and JW7XK via satellite (RS-44) on CW, SSB and FT4.

KH0 - Harry, JG7PSJ will be active again as WH0RU from Saipan (OC-086), Northern Mariana Islands on 3-12 October. Usually he operates CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW or direct to JG7PSJ.

ON - Special callsign OT5IDPD will be active from 4 November to 3 December for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, whose annual observance (3 December) was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1992. All operators will be hams with a dis-Ability. The logs will be uploaded to LoTW, Club Log and eQSL; all QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. [TNX ON4AAC]

S2 - Team S21DX will be active from Kutubdia Island (AS-127) on 21-27 December. They will try and be QRV for at least 18 hours a day, Depending on generator, fuel and number of available operators. Plans are to operate SSB and FT8 on 160-10 metres, plus QO-100. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log; paper QSL direct to EB7DX. See https://s21dx.org/ for more information.

SV - Look for Nicolas, SV8/F1RAF to be active from Poros Island (EU-075) on 24-30 September. He operates SSB on 40-10 metres. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, and QRZ Logbook.

T8 - Nobu, JA0JHQ will be active again as T88PB from Koror (OC-009), Palau on 3-5 October, with main activity during the SSB leg of the Oceania DX Contest. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or direct to JA0JHQ.

TG - Dwight, VE7BV will be active again as TG9BBV from Guatemala on 5-25 October. He will operate CW, SSB and possibly FT8 on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or via home call. [TNX The Daily DX]

W - Special event callsign WW0WWV will be in use on on 2-5 October to mark the 106th anniversary of the time and frequency standard station WWV, one of the oldest continuously-operating radio stations in the world. See https://wwvarc.org/WWV_106th_SES for more information. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or direct to WWV ARC, PO Box 273226, Fort Collins CO 80527, USA.

W - Special event stations N0F, N1F, N2F, N3F, N4F, N5F, N6F, N7F, N8F and N9F, plus KF2IRE and VE3FIRE (Canada) will be active on 5-11 October for the Fire Prevention Week 2025. QSL cards for any of the FPW stations should be sent direct to Fire Prevention Week Special Event, c/o Siemens Fire Safety USA, 2 Gatehall Drive, Parsippany NJ 07054, USA. See https://hamfire.com/ for more information on the event.

XT - Harald, DF2WO will be active again as XT2AW from Burkina Faso on 4-27 October. Usually he operates CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on various bands, 6 metres included, and via QO-100. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

YJ - Bob, ZL1RS will be active again as YJ0RS from Efate (OC-035), Vanuatu on 1-10 October. He will be QRV primarily on 6 metres (EME included), with some activity on 10m. More information and updates on https://www.qrz.com/db/YJ0RS. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to home call.

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3C2MD: CANCELLED ---> On 23 September, the Mediterraneo DX Club announced that their DXpedition to Equatorial Guinea, which was originally scheduled to take place from 30 October to 10 November [425DXN 1773], has been postponed indefinitely. A couple of weeks ago, the Government of Equatorial Guinea suspended all amateur radio licences [425DXN 1775] with a view to establishing a new regulatory framework and revising the procedures for obtaining permission to operate in the country. The MDXC is contacting all supporters - corporate, club and individual - to offer them a refund. "We regret the situation", they say, "but we are confident that people will understand that we are not responsible for this unexpected outcome".

AT2AH ---> "We will board in Hyderabad, at 8 pm, a night train for the 10-hour trip to Rajahmundry, from where we hired a van to take us to the port of Kakinada", VE3LYC posted to https://at2ah.weebly.com/ on 26 September. "Most of the equipment has been shipped to Kakinada ahead of time, from where will be taken to Hope Island (AS-178, new one for IOTA) prior of our arrival.

The 2025 Indian monsoon has turned into a season of extremes. The monsoon started earlier than usual, with unprecedented rain and flooding. The intense evaporation due to high temperatures led to increased cloudiness and heavy rainfalls. Moreover, the rainy season is now expected to last longer than in any of the last at least 50 years. Here in Hyderabad, it rained quasi-continuously over the last several days. We anticipate that the rain will be heavier on the coast and on Hope Island.

The forecast for Kakinada over the coming days indicates temperatures of 31 C (feeling like 38 C) at day and 26 C at night. There is an orange alert in place, which means that severe rainfalls are likely, accompanied by thunderstorms. We hope for a bit of luck and a break in the rain to be able to setup the antennas, but we will temporarily shut down in thunderstorm conditions".

BELARUS: 6 METRES ---> On 23 September, the Belarusian IARU national society (BFRR) officially announced that the 50-52 MHz frequency range has been allocated to the amateur and amateur satellite services. Operation on the Magic Band is available for the Class A (top amateur license class) license holders, who can now apply for permission to use the extra 50-52 MHz frequency range. [TNX EU1M]

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Fall 2025 issue (#146) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (https://indexa.org/newsletters.html). Highlights include "Message from the President" by Otis Vicens (NP4G), "Next Generation Fund Update" and "A Tribute to Lou Dietrich, N2TU (SK)" by Hal Turley (W8HC), "The 3B8FP Story" and "ZD9BV Station Upgrade Project Update" by Bob Schenck (N2OO), "ZS8W, Prince Edward & Marion Island" by Juris Petersons (YL2GM).

OCEANIA DX CONTEST ---> The 82nd edition of the Oceania DX Contest will take place on 4-5 October (SSB) and 11-12 October (CW). Both events will start at 06.00 UTC on Saturday, and end at 06:00 UTC on Sunday. Complete details can be found at https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/.

PIRATE ---> Please note that AP2FLY has been off the air for nearly three months, and someone else is using his callsign illegally. The latest QSOs for the genuine AP2FLY - as listed on QRZ Logbook, Club Log and HRDLOG.net - date back to 30 June.

3C3W AND 3C0W: THE STORY
by Juris Petersons, YL2GM

The expedition had originally been planned for April, but since an opportunity arose for ZS8W, it had to be postponed. The license was issued for one month only, so a new one had to be arranged.

On August 29, we flew to Malabo. There was no clarity about transport to Annobon Island. We had planned to wait for the ferry, but its schedule was not available. However, it turned out that air service had been restored once a week, so we bought tickets for September 6th outbound and September 29th return. We spent a week at Hotel Kolytero.

On the morning of September 6th, we went to the airport and paid an extra

fee for 4 pieces of luggage. The plane departed on time, and by 1 PM we were already in Annobon. According to the license conditions , our equipment and antennas had to be inspected by an ORTEL representative before transmission, and a fee for this was included. We had planned to set up the antennas and equipment, and then the representative would fly in the following Friday, inspect everything within two hours, and return to Malabo the same day. There were no facilities for him to stay overnight, and there are no hotels on the island.

At the airport, we were met by Ernesto, who took us to the house where we planned to set up the station. It was the same house used in our previous expeditions in 2017 and 2018. In the meantime, a beautiful hotel had been built on the island, but it has not been opened for operation and cannot accommodate guests.

Afterwards, we went to the police station to register. We presented our licenses, visas, and all documents. Then the police commissioner Silvestre, ordered us to bring all our luggage and display everything openly in detail. After lengthy discussions, he said that we did not have an entry permit from the Ministry of Security, and all our luggage had to remain at the police station. They had to verify whether we were even allowed to be on the island.

The next day was Sunday, so naturally, nothing happened, and we could only wait. The following days were the same - no answers. By Tuesday, we realized that nothing would be resolved, so we rescheduled our return flight to Malabo for Friday, September 12th.

On Wednesday morning, the commissioner informed us that there was a flight to Malabo that day, and we would be sent back.

The plane departed in the afternoon and arrived in Malabo in the evening. Our escorting policeman told us that a hotel had been arranged for us, and we would be taken there. However, we were escorted out of the airport grounds and handed over to another police unit, which brought us to the main gendarmerie station in Malabo.

We spent the night in this "hotel". The next afternoon, the ORTEL representative arrived with documents - our licenses and the equipment list. In the presence of the police, the equipment was checked and found to be in order.

Afterwards, in the main commissioner's office, our violation was reviewed. Only one issue was mentioned: we had arrived in Annobon without the ORTEL representative, who was supposed to check our equipment. Our explanations were not taken into account. Any attempt to clarify or prove otherwise was pointless.

At 6 PM that evening, we were told that we could fly out that day with Lufthansa, but we had tickets with Air France, which departed the next day. We were allowed to spend the night at Hotel Kolytero.

This was my fourth trip to Equatorial Guinea. There will not be a fifth.

Thank God, we have returned home safe and sound.

[Source: https://lral.lv/3c0w_3c3w_2025/story.html]

+ SILENT KEY + Flavio Precisvalle, IK1SPR passed away on 21 September, aged just 58. First licensed as IW1BWR in the mid-Eighties, he had been a driving force behind ARI Bra (IQ1RY) for nearly forty years. Since 1992, he had been an "all mode" contester (CW, SSB and RTTY), achieving several victories -

e.g. with the CN3A Multi-Multi team (CQ WW DX SSB 2024) and more recently with the IP1X team in this year's IOTA Contest. He also served as a referee in two World Radiosport Team Championships (Russia 2010 and Italy 2022).

QSLs received direct or through managers: 3B9SP, 4U1A, 6K2CFI/4 (AS-060), A2NEW, A32DX, CO2XN, CO8ZZ, CU7MD, D2ACE, E51KEE, ER4KAA, FK8HM, FR8TZ, FS5GL, G4OSY/VP9, H40GJ, HC2GRC, J45E, JW0V, K6VHF/HR9 (NA-057), K9HEI/KH9, KI6LT/ZD8, LU7YZ, OD5VB, OJ0JR, OJ0L, PJ2ND, SX9G (EU-187), T77C, TF1PA, TI1RRC, TX9A, V31GT, VP6MW, XE2SSB, XE3E, YS3PY (NA-190), Z68TT, Z68ZZ, Z81D, ZM1A, ZX9X.

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